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In re Patent Application of:  
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Art Unit: 1648

For: SID NUCLEIC ACIDS AND  
POLYPEPTIDES SELECTED FROM A  
PATHOGENIC STRAIN OF HEPATITIS  
C VIRUS AND APPLICATIONS THEREOF

Examiner: M. Mosher

**APPLICANTS' STATEMENT OF  
SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Interview Summary dated January 21, 2005. In accordance with the last paragraph of the Interview Summary, Applicant is given one month to file a statement of the substance of the interview.

In the telephone interview with the Examiner on January 18, 2005, Examiner Mosher clarified the rejections made in the Official Action dated November 4, 2004. The Examiner offered suggestions as to possible claim amendments for overcoming the rejections. Although no agreement was reached on the suggested amendments, as memorialized in the Amendment dated January 24, 2005, the Examiner indicated that the broader claims from which Claims 17-19 and 46 depend are enabled.

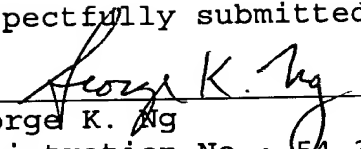
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